

SH-2G(NZ) Super Seasprite: Program Update

Australian Air Show 2005, Avalon, Victoria, Australia, March 15, 2005 – Kaman Aerospace International Corporation announced today that the SH-2G(NZ) Super Seasprite Multi-Mission Maritime Helicopter has accumulated in excess of 4,000 flight hours in just three (3) years of operation. Five (5) Super Seasprites are now in service with the New Zealand Defence Force.

The Super Seasprites of No. 3 Squadron based in Whenuapai, near Auckland, New Zealand, entered service starting in 2003, and have performed well under very harsh, at-sea conditions. No. 3 squadron supports RNZN Leander and ANZAC-Class frigate deployments in ANZ waters and longer deployments in support of New Zealand interests and UN obligations.

The RNZN began operating SH-2F Seasprite helicopters as an interim measure to bridge the capability gap between legacy Wasp helicopters and the delivery of the new SH-2G(NZ) Super Seasprites. “Recent data link trials progressed very successfully, and the Super Seasprites have performed well in service and are certainly designed well for the demands of the RNZN,” according to Defence sources, “and the interim SH-2F program was an excellent start-up for the Super Seasprites entering service.”

In addition to the SH-2G Maritime Helicopter, Kaman’s Aerospace segment markets the company’s K-MAX Aerial Truck helicopter, subcontract Aerostructures, designs and manufactures safe, arm and fuze devices for missiles and bombs, and is a leading manufacturer of specialty aircraft bearing products for the commercial and military aircraft.

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